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SUBJECT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND COMMENTARY OF MAY 30 ON THE STATUS
OF BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 1043

1. THE NEUES DEUTSCHLAND COMMENTARY ON MAY 30 (REFTEL,
PARA 5) IS CONSIDERED BY LOCAL OBSERVERS TO HAVE BEEN THE
SHARPEST ATTACK ON ALLIED RIGHTS IN BERLIN FOR SOME TIME.
THE THRUST OF THE ARTICLE IS AGAINST THE POSITIONS TAKEN
BY FONMIN GENSCHER AND BERLIN MAYOR SCHUETZ IN UPHOLDING
THE ALLIED POSITION ON BERLIN. NEUES DEUTSCHALDN
REITERATES THE DEDICATION OF THE GDR, USSR, AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE "SOCIALIST CAMP" TO DETENTE, THE RELAXATION
OF TENSIONS AND PEACE IN EUROPE. THE ND PIECE CONCLUDES
WITH A REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR "CLARITY" CONCERNING
THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT, WHICH IT SAYS "MUST BE
BORNE IN MIND BY ALL (PARTIES) WHEN THEY DECIDE UPON
POLITICAL STEPS IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

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2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND GDR WILL SEEK TO REDEFINE THE STATUS OF EAST BERLIN LATER THIS YEAR, PERHAPS THROUGH A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP TO UPDATE THE 1964 TREATY, WHOSE LANGUAGE THEY MAY CONSIDER OUTMODED. AT THIS STATE IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHETHER THE ALLUSION TO "POLITICAL STEPS" REFERRED TO ABOVE IS INTENDED TO PRESSAGE THE FOREGOING POSSIBILITY. THE "POLITICAL STEPS" COULD, OF COURSE, BE SIMPLY INTERPRETED AS A WARNING TO THE FRG THAT VISITS BY ITS MINISTERS TO WEST BERLIN "IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY" ARE LIKELY TO ELICIT FURTHER COMPLAINTS FROM THE GDR.GROVE

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